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Living Standard

1. The living standard in the Lithuanian SSR decreased in 1952 as compared with the preceding year. This was especially true on the kolkhozy but was true also in the cities. Kolkhozniki still sell produce in the cities but only at rare intervals. 25X1
2. The following prices prevailed in Lithuania at the beginning of November 1952:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Rubles</u>	
Bread	kg	1.40	
Bacon	kg	30-40	
Beef	kg	14	
Pork	kg	18-25	
Butter	kg	30-40	
Men's shoes	pair	about 400	
Women's shoes	pair	325-350	
Men's suiting (manufactured in Riga)	meter	300	
Men's suiting ("Metro", manufactured in USSR)	meter	500	
Wrist watch ("Pobeda", with gold case)	one	1,300	25X1

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3. The bread supply is sufficient in the cities. Men's shoes are difficult to obtain. The good quality cloth for men's suits, which is manufactured in the USSR, is very rarely obtainable.
4. Base pay for a factory worker is about 250 to 300 rubles per month. However, Stakhanovite workers can earn twice this amount. City officials are worse off since their salaries are small and Stakhanovite norms do not apply to them. The supply chief on the city committee receives 300 rubles per month. The manager of a small enterprise earns 360 rubles per month. A cashier in a movie theater receives either 280 or 380 rubles a month, source could not remember which.

Partisans

5. Lithuanian partisans are most active in areas around the following villages: Utena (N55-29, E25-37); Erzvilkas (N55-16, E22-42); Rietavas (N55-43, E21-56); Kretinga (N55-54, E21-14); and Salantai (N56-04, E21-34). Source believes that the number of partisans in the Lithuanian SSR is increasing, since most youths who are about to be drafted join the partisans instead.

Vilnius

6. The LSSR Supreme Soviet is located on Katedros Square. The LSSR Soviet of Ministers is located on Gedemino Street, near Katedros Square. Communist Party headquarters in Vilnius are also on Gedemino Street, opposite Chernyakovskiy Square. The Central Committee of the Party is located on Gedemino Street, as is the office of the city prosecutor. The Vilnius post office is at the intersection of Lombard and Gedemino Street. The MGB ministry is located on Gedemino Street, opposite Lukiskis Place.

Comment: Available city plans indicate that Gedemino Street does not intersect Lukiskis Place. (not a turn at Lukiskis Place).

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